

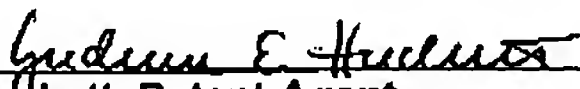
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Applicant: Dieter Maisch et al.
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Title: Actuating Device, Especially a Hydraulic or Pneumatic Actuator, for
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the office action dated 11/10/2004, Applicant herewith elects the **actuator 1 (Figs. 1-2), claims 1-15, 17, 19-26, and 30-34**, for further prosecution **with traverse**.

Applicant is of the opinion that the actuator of Fig. 3 differs from the actuator of Figs. 1-2 only in that the pistons 3a, 4a of Fig. 3 are cup-shaped and have blind bores 30a, 33a. In other respects, the devices of Figs. 1, 2, 3 are identical. It is therefore respectfully submitted that, because of their similarities and minimal differences, the devices of Figs. 1, 2, and 3 are not patentably distinct and should be examined together. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the embodiments of Figs. 1, 2, and 3 be examined together and that claim 16, directed to Fig. 3,

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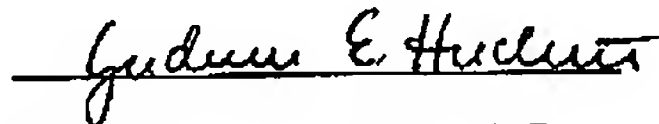
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be also examined together with the claims listed above for Fig. 2.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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